

Bishop Grady has been lauded for his services as a key negotiator in the 1969 hospital strike in Charleston, South Carolina. He has also served as chairman and vice-chairman of the South Carolina Juvenile Parole Board, strategist and advisor of several State and municipal elected officials, and is a past Chairman of the Charleston Community Race Relations Committee. Bishop Grady was a member of the Charleston Housing Authority and has served as a delegate to five World Methodist Conferences. He also served on the local boards of C&S National Bank and NationsBank. He holds life memberships in Beta Mu Sigma Chapter, Phi Beta Sigma Fraternity, Inc., and the NAACP.

On July 14, 1992, Bishop Grady was elected the 111th Bishop of the African Methodist Episcopal Church and has served in the 16th and 9th Episcopal Districts and currently serves the 1st Episcopal District.

Bishop Grady is married to Carrie Etta Robertson Grady of Winnsboro, South Carolina. They have four children.

Mr. Speaker, I ask that you and my colleagues join me in paying tribute to Bishop Zedekiah Lazette Grady upon his retirement from the Bishopric. In addition to being a great religious leader, he has been a trusted personal confidant. I am proud to have called him my pastor and even prouder to call him my friend.

PAYING TRIBUTE TO DON MACKEY

HON. SCOTT McINNIS

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 23, 2004

Mr. McINNIS. Mr. Speaker, I would like to take this opportunity to pay tribute to the life and legacy of Don Mackey. Don bravely battled the Storm King Mountain Fire outside the town of Glenwood Springs, Colorado in 1994, but succumbed to the blaze along with thirteen fellow firefighters while working to protect the City. I personally served as a firefighter and understand the risks they face each and every day. Witnessing the awful inferno that fateful July day, I know Don and his comrades battled the fire with the utmost courage and valor. With the tenth anniversary of the Storm King Fire approaching, I believe it appropriate to recognize the sacrifice Don and the Storm King Firefighters made on behalf of a grateful community, state and nation.

Don grew up in Hamilton, Montana where he attended Hamilton High School. He became a firefighter in 1984 working in the Bitterroot National Forest. He later became a hotshot in 1985 and 1986, an elite group of firefighters who specialize in wildland fire suppression. In 1987 he became a Missoula smokejumper, where he, along with fellow smokejumpers would parachute into rough, mountainous terrain to fight wildfires in areas of forests inaccessible by any other means. He was a dedicated member of his crew, and received a great deal of satisfaction from helping others. Above all, he was devoted to his family and friends.

Mr. Speaker, it is an honor to rise before this body of Congress and this Nation to pay tribute to the life and memory of Firefighter Don Mackey. Don was committed to providing high quality professional fire management

services to protect our natural resources, putting himself in harms way for unfamiliar people and places. He made the ultimate sacrifice doing what he loved, and I, along with the Glenwood Springs community and the State of Colorado are eternally grateful to this brave man.

A TRIBUTE IN HONOR OF 2004 LEGRAND SMITH OUTSTANDING TEACHER AWARD WINNER LORI SYKES OF BRONSON, MICHIGAN

HON. NICK SMITH

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 23, 2004

Mr. SMITH of Michigan. Mr. Speaker, education is the key to our Nation's future prosperity and security. The formidable responsibility of molding and inspiring young minds to the avenues of hope, opportunity and achievement partially rests in the hands of our teachers. Today, I would like to recognize a teacher from Bronson, Michigan that significantly influenced and motivated exceptional students in academics and leadership who were winners of the LeGrand Smith Scholarship.

Lori Sykes teaches Mathematics and Science at Litchfield High School in Litchfield. She is credited with instilling in students an enthusiasm for not only these subjects, but also for life. As one of her students, Lindsey Teller, said, "She taught me a strong work ethic, as she always expected the very best from me. I felt like she was a real person, not just a teacher." The respect and gratitude of her students speak well of Lori's ability to challenge young minds and encourage them to always put forth their best effort.

Lori Sykes' extraordinary work as a teacher has challenged and inspired countless students to move beyond the teenage tendency of superficial study and encourage them to foster deeper thought and connections to the real world. Arguably, no profession is more important because of its daily influence upon the future leaders of our community and our country, and Lori's impact on her students is certainly worthy of recognition.

On behalf of the Congress of the United States of America, I am proud to extend our highest praise to Lori Sykes. We thank her for her continuing dedication to teaching and her willingness and ability to challenge and inspire students to strive for success.

RECOGNITION OF MAJOR GENERAL WILLIAM H. RUSS' RETIREMENT AND HIS INVALUABLE SERVICE TO OUR COUNTRY

HON. FRANK PALLONE, JR.

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 23, 2004

Mr. PALLONE. Mr. Speaker, it is with great honor that I rise today to recognize the accomplishments and career of Major General William H. Russ upon his retirement from the United States Army. Formerly the Commanding General of the United States Army Signal Command of Fort Huachuca, Arizona and the Director for Programs and Architec-

ture, Office of the Director of Information Systems for Command, Control, Communications and Computers in Washington, DC, Major General Russ will be relinquishing his position as Commanding General of the United States Army Communications-Electronics Command at Fort Monmouth, New Jersey on Friday, June 25, 2004.

Before pursuing military education, Major General Russ completed a Bachelor of Science degree in Electronics from Florida A&M University and a Master of Science degree in Public Administration from Shippensburg University in Pennsylvania. His military education includes the Signal Basic and Advanced Courses, the Armed Forces Staff College, and the United States Army War College.

His military career has taken him from serving as Communications Officer for the 1st battalion, 32nd Armor, 3rd Armored Division, United States Army Europe and Seventh Army to his current position as Commanding General U.S. Army Communications-Electronics Command and Fort Monmouth, New Jersey. During that time he has earned numerous military awards and decorations including: Army Distinguished Service Medal, Defense Superior Service Medal, and the Meritorious Service Medal (with four Oak Leaf Clusters), to name a few.

A career such as this merits strong praise, Mr. Speaker, and as such I would like to extend my sincerest gratitude to Major General William H. Russ for his service and dedication to this country. My congratulations go to Brigadier General Michael R. Mazzucchi, who will be assuming Major General Russ' station, and my best wishes to Major General Russ and his family upon his retirement.

PAYING TRIBUTE TO BONNIE HOLTBY

HON. SCOTT McINNIS

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 23, 2004

Mr. McINNIS. Mr. Speaker, I would like to take this opportunity to pay tribute to the life and legacy of Bonnie Holtby of Prineville, Oregon. Bonnie bravely battled the Storm King Mountain Fire outside the town of Glenwood Springs, Colorado in 1994, but succumbed to the blaze along with thirteen fellow firefighters while working to protect the City. I personally served as a firefighter and understand the risks they face each and every day. Witnessing the awful inferno that fateful July day, I know Bonnie and her comrades battled the fire with the utmost courage and valor. With the tenth anniversary of the Storm King Fire approaching, I believe it appropriate to recognize the sacrifice Bonnie and the Storm King Firefighters made on behalf of a grateful community, state and nation.

A third generation firefighter, Bonnie was in her third season with the Prineville Hotshots, an elite group of firefighters who specialize in wildland fire suppression. An exceptional student-athlete, Bonnie participated in basketball, track, cross-country, and weight training during high school, receiving numerous scholar-athlete awards. She was also active in 4-H, which now provides a memorial award in her honor to a 4-H member who exhibits leadership, sportsmanship, and overall success in 4-